

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at Selwyn Primary with so many enriching experiences for the children. Year 6 Maple and Redwood had an inspiring trip to the Imperial War Museum, where they deepened their understanding of history through powerful real-life exhibits. The pupils behaved beautifully and represented the school with pride.

Year 4 delighted us with their micro musical on the Vikings. Their performance was lively, engaging and thoroughly enjoyable for everyone who attended. Well done to all the children and staff involved.

Our Carol Concert this week was a truly special event. It was wonderful to welcome parents and families into school to celebrate with us. The school band performed brilliantly, we enjoyed impressive individual musical pieces, and the Year 3 and Year 4 choir sang beautifully. Thank you for joining us and helping to make the evening so memorable.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to the Nursery Nativity on the 15th December. The children have been practising with great enthusiasm, and we know it will be a lovely occasion. On the 16th December, Reception will also be sharing their Christmas Story performance, and we look forward to welcoming you to this festive celebration as well.

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind all families that we are unable to approve term-time holidays. In line with our attendance policy, every day in school matters, and regular attendance is essential to ensure pupils make strong progress and do not miss valuable learning time. Thank you for working with us to support this.

We break up for the end of the Autumn Term on Thursday 19th December at 2pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful week ahead as we prepare for the festive break.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards,
Patrick Mbanga
Head of School



Diary Dates

15th December: Nursery Nativity (10.30am—11.10am) Parents welcome to attend

15th December: Nursery Nativity (2.30pm—3pm) Parents welcome to attend

16th December: Christmas Story: Reception at 9.30am Parents welcome to attend

17th December: Rocksteady Concert—2.30pm-3pm

17th December: Attendance lunch (class with highest attendance wins a lunch at school)

18th December: Class parties (PM)

19th December: Last day of school.

School closes at 2pm



Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please inform the office by 9.30am on the day of absence.

Absences can now also be reported using the MCAS app.

Breakfast club and Acorn club

For parents who wish to contact Breakfast club and Acorn club please use this number:

07716791490

The phone should be available from 7.15 - 8.45am & 3.30-6pm.

Parent reminder: All wraparound payments should be made in advance of the club commencing.

Class attendance % week ending 12th December 2025.
Well done to Hawthorn class who have 98.7% attendance this week.!

Class	%	Class	%
Ash	95.3	Teak	97.3
Magnolia	93.3	Cedar	97
Sycamore	95.3	Cypress	97.7
Fir	98	Hawthorn	95.7
Larch	91	Aspen	96.2
Rowan	97	Beech	95.2
Lime	91.3	Hazel	94.1
Pine	95.5	Juniper	95.2
Poplar	83.3	Maple	97.1
Elder	95	Redwood	91
Olive	98.7		

Our Communication Strategy

Monday - Office Communication day - office will send reminders and updates to parents, highlighting key dates in the school calendar.

Tuesday - Teachers' communication day about trips or events. This will have at least 7 days' notification. The office will send information on behalf of teachers. Teachers will still respond to parents via emails.

Wednesday- Phase leaders' communication regarding major phase events or reinforcing school policy or procedures.

Thursday - Leadership information to parents for items intended to stand out and away from newsletter

Friday - Newsletter, flyers and office letters

Class	Caught being kind	Star of the week	Researcher
Ash	Ayat	Adam	Maddie
Magnolia	Beren	Robin	Eve
Sycamore	Amber	Amar	James
Fir	Roch	Mohsina	Ella-Raye
Larch	Nnena	Mohsina	Edith
Rowan	Artie	Ava	Maeve
Lime	Azian	Carys	Ada
Pine	Ayana	Asel	Elijah
Poplar	Willow	Zainab	Ahmet
Olive	Olivia	Adrian	Aiden
Elder	Shay	Najat & Emily	Yayha
Teak	Jason	Paisley	Ismail
Hawthorn	Dougie	Samuel	Amayah
Cedar	Qirat	Kayden	Rico
Cypress	Victoria	Kaylen-Jay	Elizabeth
Aspen	Kristion	William	Ameena
Beech	Achelya	Sashana	Mehrzad
Hazel	Lucy	Sadie	Ayaz & Dylan
Juniper	Amelie	Simon	Beth
Maple	Eddie	Laiba	Henry
Redwood	Hailie	Lexi	Sarah D

School Term dates 2025 -2026

Autumn Term:

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term:

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.

Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026.

Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day

Half term holiday Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July

Selwyn Primary School's term dates align with the LB of Waltham Forest term dates.

Reception Admissions 2026

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, your child is eligible to start school in September 2026.

To apply for a Reception place for your child, please use the following link to apply before the 15th January 2026.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



School Term dates 2026 -2027

Autumn Term: (73 days)

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23rd October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term: (54 days)

- Monday 4th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027.
- Monday 4th January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027.

Summer Term: (68 days)

- Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23rd July

Public holidays

- Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Monday 30th August 2027

Sycamore class wore their Christmas jumpers yesterday! Everyone looked wonderfully festive, and we had a lovely time celebrating together.



Interschool Football Tournament

All Arbor Academy Trust schools took part in our interschool football competition, entering both a Year 3&4 and a Year 5&6 mixed team. Two tournaments ran side-by-side, with every school playing each other once before moving into a knockout phase.

After a fantastic day of football, Davies Lane were crowned champions in the Year 3&4 competition, while Selwyn claimed victory in the Year 5&6 tournament.

A huge well done to all players for their teamwork, resilience and brilliant sporting attitude.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the pupils from South Chingford School, who did an excellent job officiating all the matches.



Cypress Class thoroughly enjoyed making their Fruit Crumble. It was absolutely delicious!



Elder Class have truly outdone themselves with a spectacular DT project! A vibrant, hand-crafted quilt that showcases creativity, teamwork, and dedication. Every student played a part, and their hard work paid off in the most amazing way. This masterpiece is a testament to their talent and collaboration. Well done, Elder Class!



For DT Year 4 Hawthorn Class designed and cooked a seasonal dish. The dish we chose was apple crumble! And yes it was delicious!



This week, Year 4 Cedar Class showcased their culinary talents by making a delicious crumble using seasonal ingredients. The children thoroughly enjoyed applying their cooking skills to create a delightful sweet treat. Impressively, they crafted a mixed berry and apple crumble without any added sugar, allowing them to truly savour the natural flavours of the fruits. Their teamwork and creativity shone through, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm in the kitchen. Well done, Cedar Class! Keep up the fantastic work as you continue to explore healthy cooking and develop your skills!



Juniper class Y6 used their culinary skills to design and make a scrumptious healthy tomato soup.



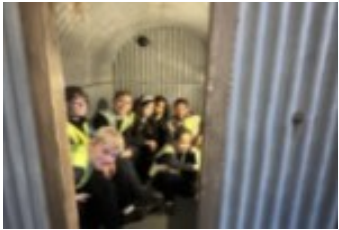
Tomato Soup Day!

A huge well done and congratulations to our Year 4 Spelling Bee team. We faced Davies Lane School in a challenging battle to spell tricky words for Year 5 and 6 children. In the end we were gracious and victorious winners.



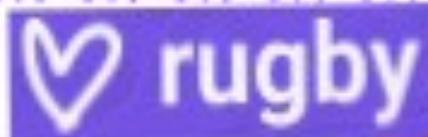
Juniper Class @ The Imperial War Museum

Y6 Juniper Class had a wonderful day experiencing what it was like for people during WWI and WWII. They went into Anderson and Morrison shelters, and heard important war announcements. Weaponry and clothing that the soldiers used were on display and the children enjoyed dressing up. Well done Juniper Class for representing our school magnificently!



Year 4 performed a fantastic musical all about the Vikings! They did an amazing job bringing the story to life through expressive acting, wonderful singing, creative props, and confident actions. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, and it's something they will treasure for years to come. Well done all!





As Chingford rugby club approaches our 100th anniversary in 2028, we are committed to growing the next generation of players and ensuring rugby is truly open to everyone in our community.

One of our most important goals is to inspire more girls to discover and enjoy rugby, with the ambition of establishing girls-only teams at Chingford. Girls' rugby is one of the fastest-growing sports in the UK, and we want young players in Waltham Forest to be part of that exciting movement.

Girls-Only Rugby Programme – Starts 11th January

We are thrilled to introduce a 4-week, girls-only rugby programme for ages 8-11, beginning 11th January at Chingford Rugby Club.

This programme is:

- Fun, friendly, and fully inclusive
- Non-contact, perfect for beginners
- Designed to build confidence, teamwork, and new friendships
- Open to experienced players and complete newcomers alike

This is a fantastic opportunity for girls to try something new, grow their skills, and be part of a welcoming club at the heart of their community.

Why This Matters

By introducing girls to rugby now, we hope to lay the foundations for Waltham Forest's first dedicated girls' rugby teams. With your support, we can help more local girls experience the joy, excitement, and empowerment that rugby brings.

How You Can Help

We kindly ask for your support in sharing this opportunity through newsletters, noticeboards, or social media.

Together, we can create a pathway for girls across Waltham Forest to discover a new sport, new friends, and new confidence.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Podcast Club - Year 4-6 - Wednesday

The Podcast Club is open to all Year 4, 5, and 6 students who love talking, storytelling, or discovering and sharing interesting new things. In this club, they'll get the chance to create their very own podcasts, whether that means sharing fun stories, interviewing friends or teachers, or talking about cool topics!

Mad Science KS1 (Tue), KS2 (Thur)

Particle Physics & Astrophysics
In this module, pupils will learn how matter works on a microscopic level, exploring atoms, molecules and particles through hands-on experiments with balloons, bubbles and slime. They will also investigate the wonders of space, including black holes, the solar system and human space exploration, developing a strong understanding of both the tiny building blocks of our world and the vast universe and beyond.

Coding Year 1 & 2 - Monday

KS1 - Tynker Adventures
Young coders set off on exciting journeys through mystical worlds while learning the core foundations of programming, sequences, events, loops, conditionals, and booleans. Through interactive games and problem-solving challenges, pupils build creativity, logical thinking, and resilience as they bring their code to life one adventure at a time.

Coding Year 3-6 - Tue & Fri

KS2 - JavaScript Explorers
As pupils advance, they dive into one of the world's most powerful and widely used coding languages, JavaScript. They'll learn to write real lines of code, explore complex syntax, and create interactive digital projects that mirror what real programmers do.

Creative Me - Reception Year 1&2 - Mon

Our Creative Me club is aimed at younger children who want to have fun and get creative. We'll be mainly doing Baker Ross style arts & crafts and mixing in some drama, fine art and computational creative art.

**Clubs will start on w/c 12th of January till w/c 16th of March
(excluding half-term)**

Sign up for our clubs at www.innovationpod.co.uk/signup. It's £7.50 per session which is paid via the one off direct debit. All clubs will take place in school premises.

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